

HON. KIMBA M. WOOD, Chief United States District Judge

This Order applies to the administration of civil cases at the United States District Court at White Plains, New York and shall remain in effect subject to the further Order of this Court until such time as a third Active Status District Judge is assigned to the White Plains Courthouse.

- 1) Effective January 2, 2007, a WP-4 Docket for Civil Cases will be reopened.

 One-third of new civil case filings (net of Judge Conner's monthly case draw) will be assigned by random to Docket WP-4.
- 2) Immediately upon filing, all cases on WP-4 shall be referred by the Clerk of the Court under the authority of this Standing Order to one of the three resident United States Magistrate Judges at White Plains for all purposes permitted by law, including case management to insure prompt trial readiness.
- 3) Trial Consents will be sought by the assigned Magistrate Judge; if refused as to a trial ready case, such case will be reassigned at random from the WP-4 Docket to a resident District Judge at White Plains.

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4) All actions taken pursuant to this Standing Order will be monitored by the resident Judges at White Plains together with the Chief Judge to consider any adjustments or other actions which may be appropriate.

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to Robert Rogers, Deputy-in-Charge of the White Plains Courthouse at (914) 390-4000.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
December 18, 2006

Hon. Kimba M. Wood, Chief United States District Court Judge Southern District of New York